

REMARKS

Consideration of the amendments is respectfully requested. The amendments find support in the application as originally filed and adds no new matter pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121(f). The amendments are made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-6, 11-13, 20-21, 30-31, 38-42, 52, 56-57, 67, 70-72, 75, 80-81, 87, 89-91, 98-99, 101 and 107-111 are pending in the application.

Claims 3, 21, 56 and 57 have been amended for obvious punctuation errors.

Claims 7-10, 14-19, 22- 29, 32-37, 43-51, 53-55, 58-66, 68-69, 73-74, 76-79, 82-86, 88, 92-97, 100, 102-106 and 112-115 have been cancelled.

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE (Request for Clarification)

Applicant thanks the Examiner for clarifying the requirements, specified in the Office Action, dated 12/13/04, in a telephone conference 1/11/05 and discussing other remedies to overcome the undue multiplicity rejection. Furthermore, Applicant further thanks the Examiner for a second telephone conference and allowing an additional 10 claims for a total of 40 claims to be considered for prosecution.

CLAIM REJECTION

In view of the telephone conferences with the Examiner, Applicant has selected 40 claims

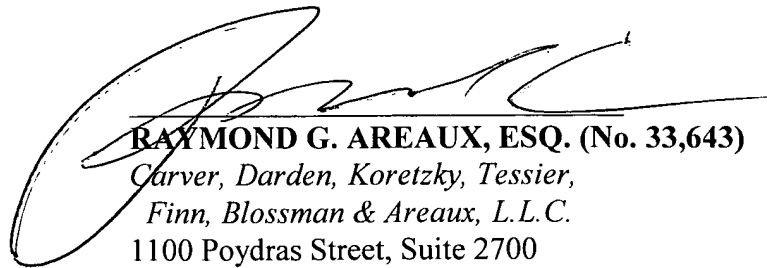
for full prosecution. All non-selected claims have been *cancelled* with this amendment. Accordingly, this amendment should be fully response to the rejection of undue multiplicity under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph.

In view of the above remarks, the rejection of Claims 1-6, 11-13, 20-21, 30-31, 38-42, 52, 56-57, 67, 70-72, 75, 80-81, 87, 89-91, 98-99, 101 and 107-111, under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph, should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above amendment and remarks, it is submitted that all of the remaining claims in the case are allowable and an early notice of the same is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner feels a telephone conference will in any way expedite the disposition of this matter, he is respectfully invited to contact this attorney at (504) 585-3803. **To the extent additional fees are required to file or process this application, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-0937.**

Respectfully submitted,



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